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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, TW, IS  
SUBJECT: REPORT OF GABRIEL II MISSILE SALE TO TAIWAN

1. OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS ISRAELI MEDIA HAVE CARRIED WIRE SERVICE STORIES ORIGINATING WITH THE NEW YORK TIMES WHICH REPORTED THE SALE OF ISRAELI-MADE GABRIEL II (SEA) MISSILES TO NATIONALIST CHINA. LOCAL STORIES HAVE REPEATED THE TIMES' REPORTING OF THE SALE AND SUBSEQUENT DENIALS BY TAIWAN. ALSO REPORTED WAS A STATEMENT BY A NATIONALIST CHINESE SOURCE THAT THE GABRIEL II WAS TO BE MANUFACTURED IN TAIWAN WITH ISRAELI TECHNOLOGY.

2. THE GABRIEL II SALES TO TAIWAN HAVE IN FACT OCCURRED, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION HELD BY OUR DATT. SALES OF THE EARLIER GABRIEL I HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO SINGAPORE, THAILAND, AND PROBABLY SOUTH AFRICA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONVERSION FROM THE EARLIER TO THE LATER MODELS-- WITH A DOUBLING OF RANGE TO 40 KILOMETERS--IS NOT A COMPLICATED MATTER, IF THE BUYER SO DESIRES. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO OTHER CONFIRMED REPORTS OF GABRIEL II SALES, THERE IS LITTLE REASON NOT TO EXPECT THEM IN THE FUTURE.

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